



# THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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## JAMES O. HOWARD ATTENDS SENIOR SEMINAR AT FSI

Jim Howard, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Market Development and former Ag Attache in Cairo and Lisbon, is participating in the Senior Seminar on Foreign Policy which opens on August 17 at the Foreign Service Institute. This ten-month program, which is the State Department's highest training course for senior government officers with responsibilities in foreign affairs, combines lectures, discussion groups, and travel in the U.S. One month is devoted to independent work. The program is planned to provide broad orientation on all phases of U.S. policy, and one of its major objectives is to help participants gain a better understanding of current domestic problems.

Former Attache Paul Ferree (Morocco), who was enrolled in the seminar which ended last month, covered 30,000 miles within the United States in the course of his training, and had an opportunity to meet with top leaders in business, government, education, and the arts. A "live-in" with students at a college dormitory was an  
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## SCALES MOUNT SCHNEEBERG

Ag Research Specialist Hans G. Stuckmann is a man of many talents, as this scene illustrates. In addition to capably performing economic research and other responsible work in the Vienna office, he likes to climb mountains. His skill is evident from this view of Hans on the Richter Route (4th grade) through the Grosse Stadelwand of Mount Schneeberg near Vienna. In the vernacular of mountain climbers, climbs and climbers are rated from Grade 1 to Grade 6, based on the difficulty of ascent. The toughest climbs, Grade 6 ascents, are overhangs or absolutely without holds (hand or foot). Attache Alan Trick explains that Grade 6 ascents are scalable only by human flies, and adds that although Hans modestly qualifies himself as a Grade 4 climber, he actually has handled more difficult climbs than the one pictured here.

As for Hans, his response to those who think that scaling a mountain is a risky pastime is that driving a car can be much more hazardous. Hans says he finds a rock face infinitely more predictable than a fellow at the wheel who whizzes around a curve at 100 mph.

Viewing from terra firma, Hans, the less adventurous sportsman can only say that a "Grade 4 climb" not only looks hazardous . . . it appears downright impossible!

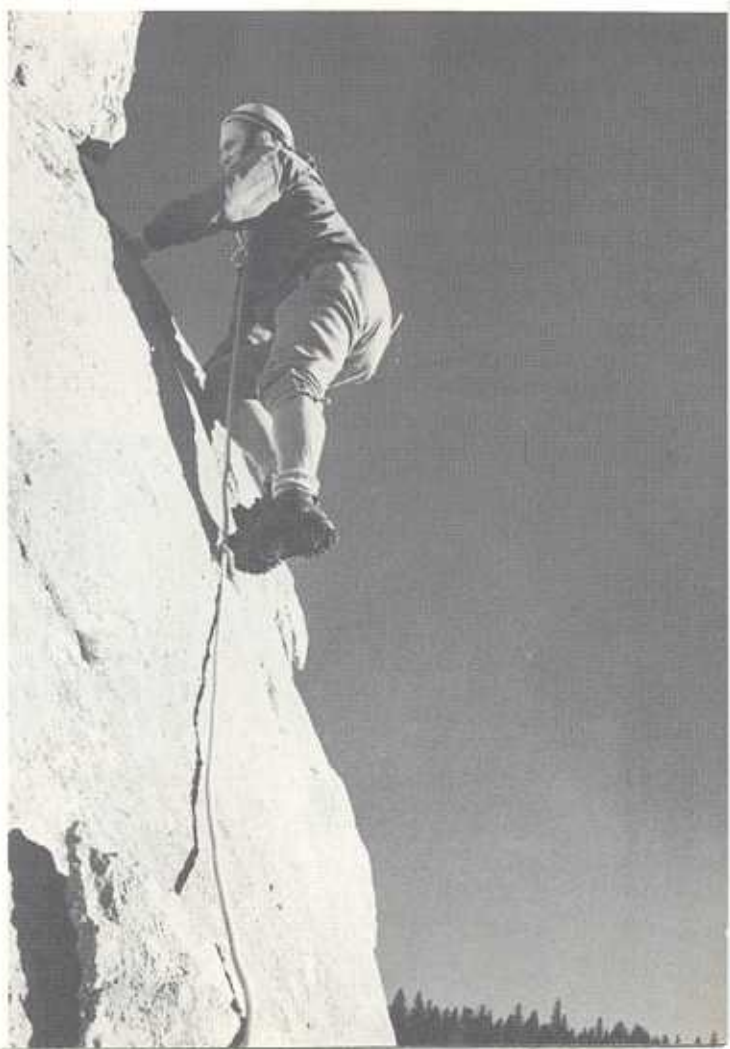
## COSTA RICA ASSIGNMENT FOR NORMAN KALLEMEYN

Norman R. Kallemeyn, formerly assistant agricultural officer at Hong Kong, arrived in San Jose in early August to begin his new assignment as agricultural attache for Costa Rica and Panama. He replaces Attache Byron Montgomery, who is returning to FAS/W.

Norm is a native of Brookings, South Dakota, and has B.S. and M.S. degrees from South Dakota State College, Brookings, where he also was a graduate research assistant. He completed a Spanish language training course at the Foreign Service Institute following his return from Hong Kong.

Before going to the field, Norm was an agricultural economist with the Dairy and Poultry Divisions of FAS

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## KALLEMEYN TO COSTA RICA

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and AMS. He also served in the Foreign Development and Trade Division of ERS.

En route to his new post, Attache Kallemeyn spent two days visiting beef cattle associations in Houston, and two days on leave in Mexico City.

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## IN SAUDI ARABIA

Dan Sheppard, former ag attache to Lebanon and presently regional market development representative to the Arabian Peninsula area, left the 90-degree atmosphere of humid Washington in mid-July to spend two weeks in the 130-degree dry heat of Saudi Arabia. Purpose of Dan's trip was to review the Saudi Arabian import market for poultry and evaluate the possibility for U.S. imports. This market study will be put to good use in the office of Dairy and Poultry Director Russ Strobel.

**ARRIVING EARLY FOR JULY 4th...** Former Assistant Attache Bob Wuhrman celebrated the 4th of July a day early this year. The Wuhrmans announced the arrival of their new son, Robert Carl (7 pounds, 13 ounces, and 22 inches long) on July 3 with a modified touch of old European style. At the Wuhrman home, blue ribbons streamed from the flagstaff, on which Bob proudly waved the baby's first pair of pajamas. Mother and son are seen here enjoying the fresh air at Bowie, Maryland, five days after the happy event.

Bob was assistant attache in Rome from 1962-64, and Dorothy (the former Dorothy Depner of the Foreign Training Division of FAS) was Miss FAS in 1960.

## FSI SEMINAR FOR HOWARD

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outstanding feature of the program, according to Paul, who is now with the Operations Analysis Division, International Trade.

Other FAS'ers who have completed this seminar are Attaches George Parks, Bonn; Bill Rodman, Mexico City; Elmer Hallowell, Tokyo; Bill Horbaly, Beirut; ex-Attache Doug Crawford, area officer for the Western Hemisphere; and John I. Kross, director of the Sugar and Tropical Products Division and former attache.

Elmer Winner, director of the Trade Projects Division, is acting deputy assistant administrator for market development, the position Jim Howard vacated when he shifted gears to attend the Senior Seminar.

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When Attache Harry Varney of Turkey visited the tobacco growing areas south of Izmir, planting activities were in full swing. Harry also saw cotton farmers planting their fields during this trip. Before returning to Ankara, he called on the Cevizli Experiment Station.



**NEW DELHI CHORISTERS...** When the U.S. National Day celebration was held in New Delhi on March 18 in honor of Dwight Eisenhower's birthday, members of the American International School Sixth Grade Chorus had a place on the program. Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating was on hand to greet several members of the group, among them Ruth Ann Haviland (left) and Mary-Louise Kahle (right). Those big smiles indicate that the meeting pleased the young ladies very much. Ruth Ann, age 11, is the daughter of Assistant Attache Guy Haviland, and 12-year-old Mary-Louise's father is Economic Affairs Counselor at the German Embassy in New Delhi. The Havilands have recently returned to the States, where Guy is mastering Spanish at FSI. In late September, he and the family will head for Ecuador, where he's been assigned as attache.





**FAIR-TIME IN SPAIN . . .** At a ceremony in his office, U.S. Ambassador Robert C. Hill (extreme right) presents the Silver Medal Certificate received from the 8th FERIA del Campo (festival of the fields) in Madrid to Agricultural Attache Clarence L. Miller, Assistant Attache Dale Douglas appears at the extreme left, with Exhibit Manager Paul Findlen of the Trade Fairs Division next to him. This international agricultural show, a biennial event, was held from May 20 through June 7.

Former Attache **Gerry Shelden** of Liberia, accompanied by Ambassador **Samuel Westerfield, Jr.** and an Embassy political officer, visited the Tidewater Plantation in Grand Bassa in late June. Gerry, who reports that this 5,000-acre palm oil plantation is also experimenting with fishponds and hopes to raise some catfish, has returned to FAS/W for assignment.

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## MEET MISS FAS/EMS/FEDS

Patricia Simmons of the FAS Tobacco Division was one of eight contestants who competed for the Miss FAS/EMS/FEDS crown at the 1970 FAS picnic. A South Carolinian, the new queen has lived in Washington practically all her life. After working for 3½ years in the Tobacco Division, Pat enrolled in 1969 in D.C. Teachers College, where she majored in speech correction. She is presently working part-time and completing her studies at Howard University. Pat looks forward to eventually combining a career and marriage.

A charming and vivacious young lady, Pat has a variety of interests and hobbies. She likes to swim, dance, and sing, and plays a skillful game of badminton. She enjoys ball games of every description, and says that plays with a human interest element are her favorite form of entertainment. Cooking is another interest of Pat's, and she likes to travel and meet people.

Pat will represent FAS/EMS/FEDS in the annual "Miss USDA" contest to be held November 21 at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motor Inn.







**TIME OUT FOR TENNIS . . .** To dispel the prevalent notion that it's nothing but work, work, work in Indonesia, Attache (and Tennis Champ) Jerry Kuhl is seen here as he accepts the first prize (low net) from Ambassador Francis J. Galbraith of Djakarta. The occasion was the Ambassador's Anniversary Tournament held in Bogor.

## FROM FAS TO EMS

Bob Ingram, assistant director of the Foreign Market Information Division, has transferred from FAS to EMS, where he will be Assistant to General Sales Manager Clifford Pulvermacher. Bob has been in FMID since 1961 and before that worked as a manager in the trade fair program.



## FOREIGN NATIONAL GROUP APPRAISES TRAINEE PROGRAM

At a final group session with FAS/W officials just prior to their departure, 1970 foreign national trainees reviewed the six-week program and gave their impressions of its merits and special benefits. Two spokesmen were selected by the 12 participants to present the group's views and make a general evaluation.

Ag Specialist Dieter Ramm of Bonn was an able representative of the group, covering the "high spots" of the field trip in a concise and well-organized presentation. Dieter also outlined the group's suggestions for minor revisions in the schedule of activities which it felt would result in an even better program in the future. The trainees were of the opinion that more briefings at universities and more visits to farms with county agents would be valuable.

The participants were enthusiastic about the overall program and said that being exposed to the agricultural, economic, and social aspects of life in the U.S. had been a very worthwhile experience. Dieter commented that seeing the operation of U.S. farms at close range and becoming acquainted with rural life enabled them to relate the agricultural problems in their own countries to those in the U.S. He added that the visits to processing plants and other types of agricultural operations increased their ability to handle their everyday responsibilities in a more knowledgeable way.

The second spokesman was Ag Specialist Cornelis de Goede of Canberra, who gave an excellent commentary and appraisal of the FAS/W sessions. Cornelis voiced the group's hope that future programs might allow more time to be spent in workshops and individual discussion sessions dealing with matters relating to certain work areas.

The trainees emphasized that they considered this program an extremely valuable tool not only in helping them to develop as better reporters and analysts—but also in enabling them to become better representatives and spokesmen for U.S. agriculture in their home countries.

A warm "thank you" was expressed to all FAS/W personnel who had a hand in planning and carrying out the program, with a special nod of appreciation to Don Motz, Assistant to Assistant Administrator/AA Horace Davis. Don supervised and coordinated the program arrangements, and accompanied the group in the field.

As for Don's impressions, his comment as the trainees made ready to leave Washington summed up the sentiments of everyone who came in contact with them: "They're an outstanding group of employees, and one of the big assets of FAS."

**MEET LARA, GIRL SCOUT!** . . . Ten-year-old Lara Meeker, daughter of Ag Attache Brice Meeker, is an enthusiastic member of Girl Scout Junior Troop #1 in The Hague. Here she is with her mother, Wilma Meeker, at the troop's investiture service. Mama Meeker is troop leader.



# AROUND the WORLD

## FROM NEW DELHI . . .

Ag attache field activities don't always involve crop surveys and slaughter plant inspections, as these scenes show. Now and then, the obliging attache has a chance to sample the product of a local bakery school and appraise its quality.

In the top photo, Attache Jim Boulware of New Delhi is shown at a breakfast demonstration at the mobile unit of the Seva Samajam Girls Training Institute in South India. Attending to inaugurate the school's 10th training course, Jim was garlanded with the "flower chain" traditionally bestowed on the guest of honor—in this case wheat. At Jim's left is Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav, vice-president and chairman of the Institute. Mrs. Meher Unnissa, project leader, is holding the bowl of baked goods. Over 100 girls have graduated from these bakery courses, which teach modern baking methods using wheat flour. Many of the graduates, Jim reports, are now employed in some segment of the baking industry. The Institute operates with the assistance of Western Wheat Associates, which also has helped establish baking schools in Anand, Gujarat, and Bangalore.



four-week Bakery Seminar held in July at the American Institute of Baking in Chicago for 25 managers of Japanese bakeries and flour plants. Sponsors were Western Wheat Associates and the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, in cooperation with FAS. Also cooperating were the W. E. Long Company and Great Plains Wheat, Inc.

## TO TOKYO . . .

At the lower left, Assistant Attache Gordon Nicks of Tokyo is using a topographical map to lecture on U.S. agriculture at the advanced bakery course of the Japan Institute of Baking. Awaiting his turn on the sidelines to talk to the group about wheat production, classes, and marketing is Assistant Director of Wheat Associates Tom Templeton, Tokyo. This course was a prelude to the



## TO QUITO

On the other side of the world, Attache Bill Bowser and his staff in Quito played a key role in helping to set up a Baking Seminar sponsored by Great Plains Wheat, the National Wheat Commission of Ecuador, and FAS. The scene at the lower right shows the awarding of diplomas to bakers who completed the seminar, the first of its kind in Ecuador. In the photo, left to right: Duban Ossa Maya of "Panaderia Quito" receiving his certificate; Rafael Chamber, executive director of the National Wheat Commission of Ecuador, presenting the certificate; Alvaro Carranque, Great Plains Wheat's administrative assistant from the Caracas, Venezuela office; and Attache Bowser.



# ROAMING AROUND

Marilyn Robinson is the new U.S. resident secretary in Attache Ernest Koenig's USEC office in Brussels.

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Secretary Ann Bibbo of Rome arrived in FAS/W August 18, anticipating home leave in California. Ann returns to FAS/W to attend FSI language school, after which she'll pack her bags for Moscow.

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Attache Hugh Robinson crossed the Atlantic on a new giant 747 when he took off for his Stockholm assignment. Quite a plane, reports veteran traveler Hugh.

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Felix Beukenkamp, a student at Washington Lee High School, joined his parents, Attache and Mrs. R. L. Beukenkamp, in Rome at the close of the school year.

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When Norm Kallemeyn and wife Bobbie drove to Brookings, South Dakota with daughters Karen Sue and Debra before departing for Costa Rica, Granddad Kallemeyn had a farm chore waiting for Attache Kallemeyn. There were some fences to be fixed on his newly-bought farm... and Norm polished off the job with the skill of a professional. While en route to Brookings, the Kallemeyn family had a look at the "Lincoln country" of central Illinois, including New Salem State Park near Springfield. A visit with Bobbie's family at Nashville, Tennessee completed their home leave fun.

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Texan Koy Neeley, back in the States following two tours of duty as assistant ag attache in The Hague, is vacationing in his native state prior to returning to FAS/W.

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Ag Officer Rado Kinzhuber, who was a direct transfer from Nigeria to Hamburg last fall, visited FAS/W the last half of July. Most of Rado's time was taken up with market development matters.

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The household of Attache Dudley Williams is looking forward to occupying the new residence which has been acquired in Rabat for the ag attache.

European Area Officer Tim Engebretson was recently elected president of the USDA Viking Club. Donald Johnson, Grain and Feed Division, was named vice president.

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Prediction by our Roman soothsayer: Assistant Attache Paul Danyluk will be the next FAS golf champ. The soothsayer offered no details.

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GATT Secretary Oleta Brame arrived in FAS/W from Geneva in mid-July. Oleta is enjoying some Stateside travel, mainly in Florida and the West, before she returns to Attache Tony Cruik's office.

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Kunio Uyeno, ag specialist in Tokyo, had the misfortune of becoming ill during the field trip of the foreign national group. He had to leave the group at Memphis and return home. Sorry about those medical problems, Kunio, and hope you're fully recovered.

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After home leave at Lake Martin, near Montgomery, Alabama, Frank Waddle and family departed for Manila, via Washington. Frank is beginning his third tour of duty in the Philippines, this time as ag attache.

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Sue Schneckloth of the Trade Projects Division will arrive in Bangkok the end of September to replace Secretary Mary Jane Stewart. Mary Jane has decided to forsake typewriters and shorthand notebooks and filing cabinets for the fun of being a full-time housewife.

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Lyle Moe, ag economist from ERS, will replace Assistant Attache Guy Haviland in New Delhi. He is scheduled to arrive at the post sometime in September.

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Back from New Delhi, Assistant Attache Guy Haviland is in Spanish language training at FSI in preparation for his assignment as ag attache to Ecuador. The Havilands will arrive in Quito in late September.



**GASTRONOMES IN ARGENTINA . . .** When Deputy Assistant Administrator Dick Smith visited Buenos Aires on his recent post inspection, he was invited by the attache office to take part in an inspection and sampling of the Argentine meat industry at a luncheon in one of the many restaurants along the Costanera. The contented epicures are shown here after giving their stamp of approval to some sizzling Argentine steaks. From left to right: Senior Ag Specialist Ed Descalzo, Assistant Attache Gordon Lloyd, Deputy Assistant Administrator Smith, and Ag Attache Joe Dodson.



Attache and Mrs. Jack McDonald, who will be returning to Rio, arrived in FAS/W on July 16 for h/1 and consultation. In Washington, the McDonalds visited their daughter **Meredith Ann**, who is completing her studies at Georgetown University. **Ann** plans to join the family later on in Rio, where she'll work on her thesis. From Washington, the McDonalds drove to Indianapolis to visit daughter **Jeanne** before going on to Minnesota. **Jeanne** is in her first year of dental school at Indiana University's medical center after earning a B.S. degree in chemistry. Eighteen-year-old **Kay McDonald** lingered on in Rio until August 1 before joining her parents in Minnesota. (Kay is quite an accomplished horsewoman and wanted to pursue her favorite South American pastime a little longer.) Before heading back to the post, Attache McDonald planned to visit his mother in McAllen, Texas and also was anticipating looking in on Citrus Farmer **Burl Stugard** of San Juan. He also planned to make a stop in Belém, in northern South America, thus avoiding the need for making this long trip later on from Rio.

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Ag Officer **Shackford Pitcher** of Sao Paulo, who is on TDY in Rio as acting ag attache, will be returning to FAS/W for an assignment. Assistant Attache **Harold Rabinowitz** of Rio has been transferred to Sao Paulo to replace Shack.

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Also returning to FAS/W from Rio is Assistant Attache **Bob Johnson**. **Ed Cissel**, who is completing his FSI language training and orientation, is scheduled to report at this post in mid-September. **Ed** has been an agricultural economist in the Cotton Division.

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Attache **Bob FitzSimmonds** arrived in Washington from Caracas in early July. The FitzSimmonds family is spending home leave in the Washington area and Richmond, after which they'll return to Venezuela.



The **Bill Rodmans** enjoyed a cross-country drive before reporting to FAS/W for consultation late this month. Attache Rodman returns to Mexico City for his second tour of duty at that post.

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**Oldrich Fefar**, agricultural economist in the Tobacco Division, has been assigned to Rawalpindi as assistant attache. **Oldrich**, who has been with USDA since 1955, is completing orientation and training. He was assistant ag attache in Ankara from 1961 to 1965, after which he spent six months in Iran as acting agricultural attache.

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**Glenn Whiteman**, ag economist in the Operations Analysis Division, arrived in Ottawa in mid-August to replace Assistant Attache **Al Persi**. **Al** and his family will be stationed in Washington after home leave.

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Attache **Duane Clark** of Tel Aviv made an official trip to Cyprus in mid-July. **Duane** covers Cyprus as well as Israel in his attache activities.

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Attache and Mrs. **Dave Hume**, on home leave, are enjoying the cool breezes of the Minnesota lake country before they return to London to begin another tour of duty.

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Attache **Jack McDonald** and several other U.S. Embassy officers from Rio were hosts last month to several hundred Brazilian and foreign government representatives at the ceremonies held in Brasilia to commemorate U.S. National Day.



WEDDING GUEST IN MADRAS... P. K. Nathan, research analyst in Attache Jim Boulware's office in New Delhi, is shown here (right) in Madras with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu State, who presided at the wedding ceremony of Mr. Nathan's niece and nephew. While in the Madras area, Mr. Nathan visited his home district of Thanjavur, and took a sort of busman's holiday as he observed rice harvesting and visited a modern rice mill set up with the assistance of the Ford Foundation.

## ON THE ROAD WITH AL GILBERT

Judging from a recent field trip made in Northern Nigeria, variety is the keyword in describing Attache Al Gilbert's activities out of Lagos. At Bacita, he visited a sugar mill and a rice plantation and saw livestock and crop experiments in this locale. Zaria, the center of the cotton producing area, was included on Al's itinerary, as well as the Institute of Agricultural Research at Samaru, where cotton, peanuts, and cereals are crops of major interest. A demonstration farm for fresh vegetables, a peanut crushing plant, potato growing activity, flue-cured tobacco areas, and a look-in on irrigation and conservation schools rounded out Al's travels... and as a finale, a Jeep breakdown necessitated his "hitching" a ride back to Lagos with officials of the Niger Dams Authority at New Bussa.



The report from Rome is that ex-Assistant Attache Bill Dobbins has joined the ranks of budding FAS artists, part of his leisure hours having recently been spent in taking art lessons. Now that Bill has returned to the States, maybe he can be persuaded to present a one-man show... unless, of course, a joint "Bill and Ruth" exhibit can be wangled!

## FOSSIL COLLECTOR IN OUR MIDST

What does a field secretary do during her leisure time?

For Mrs. Ethelwyn Brown, recently back from Bogota and now assigned to the office of Deputy Assistant Administrator Dick Smith, off-duty hours at her post near the Equator were busy ones. Brownie made a number of excursions into the countryside during her Colombia assignment, and even indulged in some fossil-collecting... a switch from her hobby in Peru, which happened to be gravedigging!

One trip that Brownie recalls with special pleasure was made by Embassy Mini-bus to Villa de Leiva, ending at the Hosteria del Molino "La Mesopotamia", site of the area's first flour mill (built in 1568). Good food and an inviting pool, plus the novelty of being lulled to sleep by running water from the old mill, were highlights of this holiday. On another occasion, Brownie and her friends explored the old colonial city of Cartagena with its 17 miles of intact city walls and feasted on the region's excellent seafood. Other trips were occasions for visiting markets, museums, churches, and hot springs. In Panama, Brownie and her travelling companions drove across the country twice in four days in a rented car, and watched ships from all over the world as they passed through the Canal.

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